

Appl. No. 10/007,325
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 30-49 are pending in the instant application. Claims 30-49 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 and 24-29 of commonly-assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,375,931.

Applicants are filing herewith a terminal disclaimer to U.S. Patent No. 6,375,931 to obviate the double patenting rejections. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the filing of the terminal disclaimer, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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